

From Jennifer  
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## INFRASTRUCTURE

### Transportation

From April Crockett, MnDOT:

*Thanks for inquiring about the area of Highway 100 and 50th, Vernon and Eden Avenue in Edina. At this time, MnDOT does not have any projects planned in this area, with the exception of a pavement preservation project for Highway 100, which is limited to just the mainline pavement and no additional capacity, change in access or ramp reconfigurations etc.*

*If the City wishes to pursue the ramp/access reconfigurations, they should work with MnDOT through our Geometric Layout Process. These improvements would likely require a Level 2 Geometric Layout (at a minimum). Information regarding MnDOT's Layout Review Process can be found at:*

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/design/geometric/index.html>

*The City of Edina is likely very familiar with this layout review process, however I would be happy to meet and discuss further if necessary.*

*In addition, these improvements may also be candidates for the MnDOT Cooperative Agreement Funding solicitation. Information regarding this solicitation can be found at:*

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/stateaid/cooperat.html>

*Please let me know if you have any further questions. (8/23/13)*

From John Dillery, Metro Transit:

*Adam Harrington copied me on the e-mail responding to your question about a park & ride at Vernon/Eden avenues in Edina.*

*I think that one of the advantages of planning for a modest park & ride built in to whatever is developed at the old Edina Public Works site is that it is next to the rail line. Who knows, the 21st Century has just begun; with peak oil and global warming real concerns, that line may have passenger service of some kind again.*

*In the meantime, I know that some of the visioning done for the city's Grandview Small Area Plan shows new development right at the corner of Eden and Vernon, but we are cautious about it because that is the location of a very important bus loop/layover for our service covering the Grandview neighborhood (routes 46 and*

146).

*I looked into what would happen if that bus loop were to be replaced by one of adequate size (two standard sized buses at minimum) right on Eden Ave. at the south end of the old public works property. It appears that this would be workable. The buses would follow Eden Ave. between Vernon Ave. and the new off-street loop, just one or two minutes away from the current terminal.*

*If the future development had parking structure facing Eden Avenue here, could that not be a permanent solution to both our bus loop and park & ride needs?*

*I would be happy to discuss this with you in more detail. (8/23/13)*

Notes from phone conversation with Jack Broz:

Talked with Jack Broz about transportation. He said the work done earlier was conceptual, planning level and that there would need to be more data gathered (such as traffic counts and some sort of O/D study) and that a task force that includes city, county, metro transit, and MnDOT should be pulled together to identify funding sources and to get our project included in their plans. (8/7/13)

From Kelly Grissman, Three Rivers Park District (re: multi-use trail on CP railway):

*We looked at it several years ago. The end result is - great idea for a trail; reality is incredibly difficult (both from an engineering perspective and social perspective), expensive, and would require significant additional right-of-way to make it work as an active rail/trail corridor. (7/25/13)*

## **Sewer/water capacity**

From Wayne Houle, City Engineer:

*Any information we would have would be in the Comprehensive Plan, which was done prior to the Grandview study. To my knowledge the Grandview study did not analyze infrastructure requirements for this area.*

*I will have Ross Bintner get back to you to forward any information from the comprehensive plan and what we will need to analyze future demands on the system. (7/29/13)*



## COMMUNITY NEEDS

### Housing

From Cary Teague, City Planner:

Email recap: I asked whether City tracks number of new housing units, by type, from 2008 to present. Cary responded he would have building department run the numbers. (8/22/13)

Housing goal:

2008 Comp Plan says 400 additional units by 2020 (212 of which should be affordable); 1,504 additional units by 2030.

Housing units constructed, under construction, or approved since 2010:

York Gardens—76 assisted living and memory care units  
Waters—139 independent living, assisted living, and memory care units  
Southdale Apartments—232 “luxury rental units”  
Byerly’s redevelopment—234 apartments  
6500 France—195 units, including care suites, transitional care, independent living, assisted living, and memory care  
Vernon Townhomes—16 units

Total: 892

In the works:

76 unit assisted living building to be attached to 7151 York  
200+ units on the Wickes site on York

Total: 276+

### Arts and culture

Emailed Michael Frey, director of Edina Art Center. Michael provided a copy of the arts and cultures inventory developed by the City’s Arts and Culture Commission. This is a listing of arts and cultural organizations, artists, etc. I asked if they also inventoried arts and cultural spaces (size, rent, policies). Michael responded:

*Yes, our intern created an inventory for spaces in Edina and comparable locations with regards to fees and policies. I believe hours of operation were*

*pulled from the websites. Other than resident feedback, or hearsay, it was difficult to assess if the space met the community's needs. (8/19/13)*

## **Park and Rec.**

I emailed Park Board chair Keeya Steele to ask about the Park and Rec. strategic plan and whether it would include an inventory of existing park and rec. facilities and needs. Keeya responded:

*I'm working on a department strategic plan under two hats. First, as chair working with Ann on a department wide plan. I hope that it will include an inventory analysis and a needs assessment analysis. However, I don't expect these analyses to take place until early next year. I am pushing for the inventory analysis RFP to go out first.*

*Second, I am working on a strategic plan specifically for recreational programming within the department. I am working with a Humphrey faculty member on the project. Currently, I'm gathering data from past recreational program participants that primarily focuses on programmatic needs. There would be a little overlap with the information you are seeking - I ask them to rate the current program facilities and identify program needs that are currently lacking. I hope to present this information to the Park Board in October or November.*

*I hope this helps. We are definitely keeping GrandView in mind when going about the strategic planning process. (8/23/13)*

## **SLP Community Recreation Task Force**

Researched City of St. Louis Park's community recreation task force process and recommendations.

Key documents:

- 2010 RFP for community survey for recreational planning
- 2011 Decision Resources survey
- 2011 recreational planning survey report
- 2012 update from community recreation task force
- 2013 cost analysis of recommendations
- August 2013 SLP Sun Sailor article about recommendations and costs

Summary:

The facility would cost \$45-50M and include a gym (two full-sized courts), a lap pool, leisure pool, community room, gathering place with coffee shop or café, drop-in child care center, indoor play area for kids, a track, three fitness rooms, and party/meeting rooms.

Operating costs would run about \$1.2M per year. Admissions and rentals would bring in about \$1.2M per year, requiring an operating subsidy of about \$628,000 per year.